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**Subject:** FW: OIG Discussion Document - Bristol Bay  
**Attachments:** Bristol Bay Discussion Document1 7-20-15\_mark-up\_ORD-R10-OW\_edits.docx

Heather:

Attached are consolidated comments from ORD, R10, OW, and OGC on the OIG's discussion document regarding EPA's Bristol Bay Assessment.

According to the draft report, the OIG sought to determine whether the EPA conducted the Bristol Bay Assessment in a biased manner; pre-determined the outcome; and followed policies and procedures for ecological risk assessment, peer review and information quality. The OIG's primary findings regarding its stated purpose are that the EPA's assessment followed requirements for conducting an ecological risk assessment, peer review and information quality and that obtainable records showed no evidence of bias in how the EPA conducted the assessment or that the EPA pre-determined the outcome of the assessment to result in initiating a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404(c) process.

(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Palmer

**From:** Gilbride, Patrick  
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Attached for your review is the OIG's Discussion Document on Bristol Bay, Alaska. This document is being provided to get your initial comments and feedback on the report contents prior to the official draft report. Due to the intricacies of some of the subject matter, what is provided is the complete report including the At-A-Glance as well as appendices. We request your comments on the report within 15 days (August 5, 2015). We will work with your audit coordinators to arrange a meeting to discuss the report contents and any written or oral comments you might have. After consideration of your comments we will provide you the official draft report.

The report may be distributed to those within the Agency that may have comments. We ask that the report not be distributed to anyone outside of EPA.

We very much appreciate the cooperation and coordination you and your staff provided during the review. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 303-312-6969.

Thanks

Pat

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